Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government in a position to say that not a single member raised his hands for the adjournment of this House?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes. The Government is in a position to say that no Member of the Government block has voted in support of the motion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is a veritable lie.

President.—I cannot allow the use of such unparliamentary expressions in this House. So you will please withdraw that expression.

(*Some Hon'ble Members.—Withdraw, withdraw.*)

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—From the stand-point that the word is unparliamentary to you, I mean, for the representatives of the Government.....

President.—No qualification for the withdrawal.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I withdraw it on the assumption that it is unparliamentary. What was the necessity for the Secretary to the Council to note that the Government Members remained neutral when there was no poll?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The attitude taken by the Government Members in connection with the adjournment motion in question has been noted down in the minutes of the proceedings of that day. I have referred to the minutes and furnished this reply.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the printed proceedings of the Council show that the Government Members remained neutral?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No. The minutes recorded by me will show it.

Palliatives for Agricultural indebtedness.

152. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Adverting to question No. 140, 16th December 1931, regarding Agricultural indebtedness, will the Government be pleased to state what other palliatives they have in store?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—None at present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, May I know whether there is anything in future?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are none at present. I am sorry I can't add anything further.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of some of the united non-official resolutions passed by this Council, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to take in this connection?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We are enquiring into it and we are just trying to know if anything could be done on the

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lines of the Bhavanagar and the U. P. schemes. Nothing could be definitely said now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that it is still in pendation stage and that the Government are going through it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No definite conclusion has been arrived at. We have written for the Acts passed by those Governments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to expedite the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know where they are going to manufacture the palliatives?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can't answer what is going to happen.

Premature mortality from starvation.

153. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 152, 16th December 1931, regarding premature mortality from starvation, will the Government be pleased to produce the information contained in their promise 'we shall try'?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have ordered an Economic Survey of the whole State and a Special Officer has been appointed for the purpose. Details regarding the wealth of the State, etc., will be available in his report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the solving of the problem of the property-less classes is one of the terms of the reference to the Economic Survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The indebtedness of the ryot is one of the items included.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was referring to the question of the property-less classes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The terms of reference are so wide that this aspect of the question would also be clear from the Economic Survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know definitely whether it is included in the Survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the person appointed to conduct the Survey an expert in these matters? May I know whether he knows anything about mortality at all? Am I wrong in thinking that the Chief Medical Officer or the Director of Public Health is the more appropriate person to deal with this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—But this is only one of the points that will be collected in the Survey.

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